

A G E N D A

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	64265	Agenda Number	29.
Meeting Date:	11/3/2016	Department:	Austin Police Department	

Subject

Authorize execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with Dallas County Texas acting through the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas, for forensic services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 with five 12-month extension options not to exceed \$400,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is currently available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Police Federal Department of Justice Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$600,000 is available in various U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice DNA Backlog grants; pending approvals of requested grant adjustments and release of funding. Funding for extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Brian Manley, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Southwestern Institute of Forensic Services at Dallas is a department within Dallas County that includes the Medical Examiner's Office and the Office of Forensic Sciences. The 138,395-square-foot campus comprises three physically connected buildings, including a four-story forensics laboratory, a two-story administration building and a one-story medical examiner's office. The Office of Forensic Sciences is responsible for physical evidence, forensic chemistry, forensic biology, firearms, trace evidence and toxicology. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner provides scientific medico-legal investigation of suspicious deaths within the service region. Forensic pathology facilities include administration, investigations, autopsy complex, anthropology laboratory, x-ray, evidence storage, tissue recovery, histology laboratory and support services. This agreement is for forensic laboratory services and related forensic analytical services for the Austin Police Department (APD). The Southwestern Institute of Forensics Sciences at Dallas is also available to provide services in any forensic discipline in which they carry certification from the Texas Forensic Science Commission. The primary goal of this agreement is to clear the existing backlog of DNA cases for APD.